Investigation of cases against Commercial Manager, AI

924. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3824 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th August 2001 and state:

(a) the progress so far made in one of the two Commercial Manager cases being investigated by the Vigilance Department of Air India; and

(b) the proposed action suggested by the vigilance?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Air-India Ltd. has set up a committee to initiate suitable disciplinary action against Shri Bakshi. Further action will be taken by the Air India Ltd. based on the committee's report.

Handing over of loss making Airports to Private Sector

† 925. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are considering to hand over those airports to the private sector which are making losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the locations of these airports in the country which are making losses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.,

(b) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The details of loss-making airpots, State-wise is as under:—

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR - Port Blair (Civil Enclave) (C.E);

ANDHRA PRADESH - Rajamundry, Cuddapah, Donakonda, Nadirgul, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Warangal;

ARUNACHAL PRADESH - Along (C.E), Daporizo (C.E), Passighat, Tezu (C.E.), Zero (C.E);

ASSAM - Dibrugarh (Mohanbari), Guwahati, Jorhat (C.E), North Lakhimpur (Lilabari), Rupsi, Sheila, Silchar (C.E) (Kumbhigarm), Tezpur (C.E);

BIHAR - Gaya, Jogbani, Muzzafarpur, Patna, Raxaul; CHHATTISGARH - Bilaspur, Raipur;

CHANDIGARH - Chandigarh (C.E);

DELHI - Safdarjung;

GUJARAT - Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Dessa (Palampur), Jamnagar (C.E), Kandla, Keshod (Junagarh), Porbandar, Rajkot, Vadodara (Vadodara);

HIMACHAL PRADESH - Kangra (Gaggal), Kullu (Bhuntar), Shimla; JHARKHAND - Chakulia, Ranchi;

JAMMU AND KASHMIR - Jammu(C.E), Leh(C.E), Srinagar (C.E);

KARNATAKA - Belgaum, Hassan, Hubli, Mangalore, Mysore; KERALA - Trivandrum;

LAKSHADWEEP - Agatti;

MADHYA PRADESH - Bhopal, Gwalior (C.E), Indore, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Khandwa, Panna, Satna;

MAHARASHTRA - Akola, Aurangabad, Hadapsar, Nagpur (Sonegaon), Sholapur, Kolahpur;

MANIPUR - Imphal;

MEGHALAYA - Shillong (Umroi/Barapani);

MIZORAM - Lengpui (Aizwal);

NAGALAND - Dimapur;

ORISSA - Bhubaneshwar, Jharsuguda;

PONDICHERRY - Pondicherry;

PUNJAB - Amritsar, Ludhiana;

RAJASTHAN - Jaipur, Jaisalmer (C.E), Jodhpur(C.E), Kota, Nal (Bikancr) (C.E), Udaipur; TAMIL NADU - (Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchirapalli; Tuticorin, Vellore;
TRIPURA - Agartala, Kailashahar, Kamalpur, Khowai; UTTAR PRADESH - Agra (C.E), Allahabad(C.E), Gorakhpur (C.E), Jhansi, Kanpur, Kanpur (C.E)(Chakeri), Lalitpur, Lucknow, Varanasi;

UTTARANCHAL - Dehradun, Pant Nagar;

WEST BENGAL - Bagdogra (C.E), Balurghat, Behala, Cooch-Behar, Malda, Asansol.

Detection of Jet Airways passenger carrying bullets

. 926. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 18th September, 2001 the airport police at Santa Cruz domestic air terminal failed to detect a Hyderabad bound Jet Airways passenger carrying 41 bullets of 22 calibre while it is being claimed that security at all airports has been strengthened;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a similar incident of a passenger carrying bullets took place earlier on 26th August, 2001 in the Jet Airways flight bound for Ahmedabad; and

(c) if so, the details of these recent incidents and the steps taken to further plug and tighten the porous security network at the airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) In the incident dated 18.9.2001, 41 bullets of 22 calibre were detected from the hand baggage of a passenger bound for Hyderabad by Jet Airways flight No. 9W 457 during secondary security check at Mumbai airport.

In the second incident dated 26.8.2001 also at Mumbai airport, one